

CONSTITUTION,

By-Laws, Rules of Order, &c.,

OF

Huron Lodge, No. 62,

I. O. OF O. F.,

Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Instituted at Goderich, Ont., May 31, 1872

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FORM OF PROPOSITION.

Brother.....
has much pleasure in submitting for the consideration of this Lodge, the following proposition for Membership, which is accompanied by the usual Proposition Fee, \$2.00.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF.....

Lodge, No:.....I. O. O. F

Gentlemen,—

Having conceived a favorable opinion of ODD FELLOWSHIP, and read a copy of your Constitution and By-Laws, I ask to be initiated into the Order and become a member of your Lodge. Residence,.....

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and if admitted, I promise obedience to the laws and usages of the Order, and of the Lodge.

Very Respectfully yours,

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RICHARD PIKE.

THOS. RENWICK.

ROBT. HOGARTH.

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CERTIFICATE.

HURON LODGE, No. 62, I. O. O. F.
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PREFACE.

ODD FELLOWSHIP having increased so rapidly, and spread its organization from the Atlantic far out on the bosom of the Pacific, within a few years, has naturally attracted the attention of nearly all classes of the community.

Fifty-one years have scarcely passed since the birth of American Odd Fellowship, and now over three hundred thousand men are among its votaries. It cannot be said that its growth was the result of accident, or in consequence of its novelty; for it was solely because of its adaptation to the wants of mankind. Odd Fellowship teaches in the most beautiful and forcible manner the all important lesson of *Fraternity*—that all men are of one family and are therefore brethren.

The great duties of our Order by and through which we aim to improve and exalt the character of our members, are five in number: 1st. *To visit the sick.* 2nd. *To relieve the distressed.* 3rd. *To bury the dead.* 4th. *To educate the orphan.* 5th. *To aid the widow.* And in obedience to these commands nearly one million dollars have been expended during the past year for these noble purposes. Yet Odd Fellowship is not a mere beneficial society, having for its single purpose the relief of its members in the struggles incident to human society. It seeks to improve and elevate the character of man—to imbue him with proper conceptions of his capabilities for good, to enlighten his mind and enlarge the sphere of his affections. It therefore commends itself alike to the high, the low, the rich, and the poor, as one of the noblest charities the world ever saw.

The principles of Odd Fellowship are those of humanity and religion; its object is to promote the general good of mankind, and spread abroad the light of morality and knowledge; it not only benefits the common cause of philanthropy, but insures to its members in the hour of adversity and tribulation, a source of safety and comfort that none can destroy.

The ties that bind us together are never surrendered; our claims of brotherhood are only dissolved by death—they descend to the widow and orphan.

The language of our Order is more potent than any strain of eloquence that ever fell upon the ear. A stranger, penniless and friendless, in a foreign land, breathes its tones, and his necessities are relieved. Sickness comes and lays its paralyzing hand upon him, and though no friends or relatives are near, a brother of the "Mystic Tie" administers to his wants, and soothes his distresses. The sick among our own brethren are not left to the cold hand of public charity; they are visited, and their wants provided for, out of the funds they themselves have contributed to raise, and which, in times of need, they can honorably claim without the humiliation of suing for public or individual relief, from which the freeborn mind recoils with disdain, until overwhelmed in insufferable want and misery. We are obliged, if need be, to perform the last solemn office to the remains of a departed brother, and see them consigned with respectful decency to the bosom of our mother earth. To the living our fraternal solicitude is no less exercised. It is our enjoined duty to watch over the conduct of brethren even in their common intercourse with men, as well as one with another; and to remonstrate with those who wander from the paths of rectitude, or trespass on the rules of morality.

It has been said that ours is a secret Order, and that secrecy is dissonant with innocence. True it is, that we are in part a secret society; but is secrecy a crime? The world itself, the universe, the God of eternal truth, are surrounded with an impenetrable veil that no mortal eye ever pierced; and shall it be denied that these exist because their secrets are not revealed at our bidding? Shall we pronounce them evil because their operations are hidden from our view and above our comprehension?

So far from secrecy being an objection to our Order we claim it as a recommendation. It is the mystic tie that binds us together in indissoluble brotherhood, prompting us to deeds of brotherly love and benevolence; it comes and entwines itself around our fraternity like the refreshing, yet invisible breeze that at summer noontide fans our burning forehead, invigorating the system with its coolness, and gladdening our hearts with its freshness and purity. In this respect, we have the sanction

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of ages. We challenge any one to point out a single nation of people whose career is sketched on the page of history, among whom there did not exist secret institutions. To go further, there is not an enlightened government now existing on the face of the globe, that does not permit its legislative council to resolve themselves into secret conclave. Even in our country, under our Constitution, the Legislative Council can close its doors, and can sit for days, for weeks, for months, concocting measures of vital importance to upwards of two and a half millions of people, and should any member of that body dare to reveal its operations, he would subject himself to the severest censure if not to expulsion.

To be initiated as a member of our Order is not, as many suppose "to take a leap in the dark." The fundamental principles of the Order are before the world; its deeds are not concealed from public scrutiny; while the Constitution and Laws of our Society are within the reach of all who wish to examine them. But then, our mysteries are within the *inner* veil of our altars, that none except members of the fraternity are permitted to behold: solemn and sublime truths are there inculcated, that have never reached the ear of any save those who have proved themselves worthy of the sacred trust. They have remained there for ages hallowed archives in the sanctuary of our temple—and have never crossed its portal; and there, we hope and pray, they will ever remain, unsullied, inviolate, and untarnished.

Our Order is the handmaid of virtue and religion, and it must flourish. It calls into life the best and holiest feelings of our nature, and success must crown our efforts. Our course is onward, and we may look forward with confidence to a day, not far distant, when our society shall find an abiding place in every village and hamlet in our land, and the smoke of our altars shall go up from a thousand hills.

CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

For the purpose of ensuring, as much as possible, uniformity in the administration of the privileges, honors, and benefits of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows within its jurisdiction, the "Grand Lodge of Ontario"—the Superior Tribunal of all Lodges within the limits of the Province of Ontario—do hereby ordain the following Articles, as the Constitution of all the Subordinate Lodges working under its immediate jurisdiction.

ARTICLE I.—TITLE AND POWERS.

This Lodge shall be constituted of at least five members of the Scarlet Degree, and shall be hailed and entitled, "HURON LODGE, No. 62, I. O. of O. F. of ONTARIO," and shall possess the full powers and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge holding a legal, unreclaimed, and valid charter, duly granted and formally presented by the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP.

Admission.

CLAUSE 1.—Candidates for membership by Initiation to this Lodge must be 21, and not over 50 years of age, and of good moral character, and in sound health, and a resident

within the jurisdiction of the Lodge at least six months.

CLAUSE 2.—Every proposition for membership must be submitted in writing by a brother of this Lodge, and must state the name of applicant, and his residence, age and occupation, supported by a references of a least one other member of the Lodge.

CLAUSE 3.—The proposition so made shall be referred to a committee of three brothers, two of whom shall be appointed by the N. G., and one by the V. G., and who shall report thereon at the next meeting.

CLAUSE 4.—A ballot shall be taken on the proposition, immediately after the presentation of such report; when, if less than three black balls be found, the Candidate shall be accepted; if three or more, he shall be rejected, and so declared.

CLAUSE 5.—Any Brother or Ancient Odd Fellow, desirous of joining this Lodge, must present a Card of Clearance from the Lodge of which he was previously a Member; and his application shall be then disposed of according to the above regulations.

CLAUSE 6.—Every member, on his admission shall sign a promise to support and abide by the Constitution and By-laws of this Lodge, and pay all legal demands against him, so long as he shall remain a Member.

CLAUSE 7.—Any Candidate requiring admission, more than thirteen weeks after his

election, must be again proposed and balloted for, as in case of a new candidate.

CLAUSE 8.—The rejection of any Candidate for Membership shall be immediately intimated to every Subordinate Lodge within this Province, and to the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

CLAUSE 9.—No Candidate who has been rejected can be again proposed for Membership, until, at least, six months after such rejection; and no person who has been twice rejected on application for Membership in this Lodge, shall again be proposed as a Candidate.

DEGREES.

CLAUSE 10.—Every Brother, previous to his receiving any of the Five Degrees, shall present a certificate from the P. S. that he is not in arrears to the Lodge, and that he has paid all charges for the said Degrees, and then shall be balloted for.

CLAUSE 11.—If, on such ballot, his application be opposed by more than three of the Members present, it shall be rejected; otherwise, he shall be considered eligible, and shall be admitted to the Degree or Degrees in question.

CLAUSE 12.—No certificate for Degree shall be granted until after the Candidate shall have paid the amount required therefor.

CLAUSE 13.—No Brother having been less

than one month in Membership, shall be eligible for Degrees; and not more than three Degrees shall be conferred on any Brother at one and the same meeting.

CLAUSE 14.—Any Brother in good standing and clear of the books, desiring to withdraw from a Lodge, may signify such desire either personally in open Lodge, or by letter addressed to the Secretary, whereupon the Lodge shall proceed to a ballot, with ball ballots, and a majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to the granting a Card of Withdrawal. If a majority of the members present refuse to grant such a card the applicant therefor may tender a written resignation of his membership, and shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary under the Seal of the Lodge, a Certificate that he has resigned membership, and such Certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the Brother was in good standing at the time of his resignation; Provided, that upon the refusal of the Card, the member applying for the same shall have the right of Appeal to the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 15.—Should any brother, receiving a Card of Clearance from this Lodge, apply within twelve months thereafter to be again admitted a member of this Lodge, and he be accepted, the Lodge may remit in his favor the Entrance Fee, or such proportion thereof as it may think fit.

ARTICLE III.—OFFICERS.

Elective Officers.

CLAUSE 1.—The Elective Officers of this Lodge shall be Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary, P. Secretary, and Treasurer; and the Lodge may also provide, by its By-laws, for the election of a Degree Master and a Physician.

CLAUSE 2.—Any Brother to be nominated for the office of D. M., must be a P. G. having the three P. O. Degrees; for the office of N. G., a V. G., or a P. V. G.; and all other Elective Officers, except Physician, a Brother who has served at least twenty-six nights in some inferior office, and have attained to the Scarlet Degree.

CLAUSE 3.—All officers shall be eligible for re-election.

CLAUSE 4.—Nominations for the Elective Offices shall be made only at the two meetings next preceding that fixed for the Election thereto, except when the nominees for an office are all absent without excuse, or decline serving.

CLAUSE 5.—No Brother shall be nominated, who has not signified his willingness to accept the office for which he may be named; and no nomination shall be held to be in force, or proceeding to election, unless the Brother so nominated be then present, or has sent to the Lodge a sufficient excuse in writing.

CLAUSE 6.—The election of officers shall take place at the last regular meeting in each term, except in the case of the D. M., P. S., and Physician, who shall be elected to serve for a term of six or twelve months as the Lodge by its By-laws determine.

CLAUSE 7.—If, for any Elective Office, only one brother shall be in nomination, such brother shall be declared elected by acclamation; should there be two or more candidates duly nominated, the members present shall proceed to elect one of such candidates by ballot.

CLAUSE 8.—A majority of all the legal votes cast, shall be necessary to election, should there be no choice of an officer at any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place, and after each ballot the name of the candidate who may have received the smallest number of votes shall be withdrawn.

Appointed Officers.

CLAUSE 9.—The appointed Officers of this Lodge shall be W. C., O. G., I. G., R. S. N. G., L. S. N. G., R. S. V. G., L. S. V. G., and R. and L. S. S.; and the Lodge may, at its option, add a Chaplain.

CLAUSE 10.—These officers shall be appointed by the N. G. immediately after his Installation; except the R. and L. S. V. G. who shall be nominated at the same period by the V. G.

CLAUSE 11.—All brothers appointed as

Officers must be in good standing, and the W., O. G. and I. G., must have attained the Scarlet Degree.

CLAUSE 12.—The N. G., with the consent of the Lodge, may appoint as O. G., a brother of the Scarlet Degree belonging to any other Lodge.

Vacancies.

CLAUSE 13.—Any office, the occupant of which may have been absent without satisfactory excuse from three successive regular meetings, may be declared vacant by vote of the Lodge, on a motion to that effect; provided notice of such motion has been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is taken.

CLAUSE 14.—Any vacancy in office shall be filled by election or appointment as the case may be, in the manner as provided for in the previous Sections; and brothers so elected or appointed, shall be entitled to all the privileges of the office, provided they complete the term.

DUTIES AND POWERS.

CLAUSE 15.—The officers of this Lodge shall perform such duties, and be invested with such powers, as are prescribed by the Charge—Books and Usages of the Order, and the laws of the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 16.—This Lodge shall have authority to add thereto such duties and powers, as may not be inconsistent with the

provisions of the preceding Clause of this Section.

ARTICLE IV.—SESSIONS, TERMS AND RETURNS.

Sessions.

CLAUSE 1.—This Lodge shall hold its meetings weekly or semi-monthly, on such evening and at such time as may be provided by its By-laws; provided always that as decided by the Grand Lodge of the United States, twenty-six nights service be required as the term of office.

CLAUSE 2.—Special Sessions may be called by the N. G., such notice thereof being given as may be required by the By-laws of the Lodge. The notice shall contain the particular reason for calling the same, and no business but that expressed in such notice shall be entered upon at such special meeting.

CLAUSE 3.—No business shall be transacted at any regular or special meeting unless at least five members of this Lodge be then present; nor otherwise than according to the Rules of Order, annexed to this Constitution.

CLAUSE 4.—Members of other Lodges may be admitted as Visitors, provided they give the Pass-Word for the Term, or are introduced by an Officer of the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 5.—This Lodge shall have no pow-

er to resolve itself, at any time, into Committee of the whole.

TERMS.

CLAUSE 6.—The terms of this Lodge shall be Semi-Annual, and shall commence on the first regular meeting in July and January respectively: should the D. M., P. S., or Physician, be elected semi-annually, their terms shall commence at the first regular meetings in July and January respectively; and, if annually, then at the first regular meeting in July.

CLAUSE 7.—Every Term shall be held to close on the day on which the succeeding one may commence.

RETURNS.

CLAUSE 8.—It shall be the duty of the last Past Officers to prepare and forward to the Grand Secretary of Ontario immediately on the expiry of their Term of Office, a regular Return of the work of such term, with the result of the Election of Officers, &c., in accordance with such blank form of Semi-Annual Return, as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct to be used.

CLAUSE 9.—Such semi-annual return shall be accompanied by the amount due to the Grand Lodge; the same being eight per cent. on all sums received for Initiation and Degrees, and at the following rate on the

amount received for dues:—12 per cent. where the annual dues are Four Dollars, 10 per cent., where the annual dues are Five Dollars; and 8 per cent, where the annual dues are Six Dollars and over; always excepting the property set apart for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and any sums donated to the Lodge.

CLAUSE 10.—A Fine of two dollars shall be payable by this Lodge for every month that may elapse after the close of any Semi-Annual term previous to the Returns required by Clause 8 being placed in the possession of the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 11.—Should this Lodge, or the Officers thereof, fail to make the returns required by the preceeding clauses for twelve months, it shall thereby become liable to the forfeiture of its Charter; and it shall be the duty of the last installed officers to transmit or surrender to the Grsnd Master, on requisition from him to that effect, (or to such other brother as may be appointed by the Grand Lodge, or Grand Master to receive the same,) the Charter, books, papers, furniture, and funds of the Lodge.

ARTICLE V.—FUNDS.

Contributions.

CLAUSE 1.—There shall be two regular funds of this Lodge, to be known respect-

ively as the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and the General Benefit Fund; and the Lodge may provide by its By-laws for the institution of a special Fund or Funds for any of the benevolent purposes contemplated by the Order: Provided always, that, in case of every such Special Fund, the receipts and disbursements on account thereof shall be kept altogether distinct from the regular funds hereby established.

CLAUSE 2.—The Entrance Fee of this Lodge must be paid in every case previous to the admission of the candidate, and shall not be less than Five Dollars.

CLAUSE 3.—The charge for Degrees shall not be at a less rate than \$1 for each of the five Degrees, and all moneys received on account of Degree charges shall be applied to the General Benefit Fund.

CLAUSE 4.—The contribution of each member to the Regular Benefit Funds of this Lodge shall be determined by the By-laws, but shall not be at a less rate than One Dollar per quarter; one fifth of whatever may be the quarterly contributions to the Benefit Funds shall be placed to the credit of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund; and the remaining four-fifths to the credit of the General Benefit Fund.

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DISBURSEMENTS.

CLAUSE 6.—Every member, qualified as required by the By-laws, if rendered incapable of following his usual occupation, by sickness or other disability, not occasioned by immoral conduct on his part, shall be entitled to receive from the General Fund, such weekly Sick Benefit as may be fixed by the By-laws; Provided always that such weekly benefit shall in no case exceed three times the quarterly contribution required from each member to the General Benefit Fund, and that this Lodge shall not be held to pay such Benefit for any term of sickness shorter than one week unless specially so provided by its By-laws.

CLAUSE 7.—In case of the death of a Brother, qualified as required by the By-laws, there shall be paid to his nearest of kin or other legal representative, from the General Fund, towards defraying the funeral expenses, such sum, not being less than twenty Dollars, nor more than fifty Dollars, as may be fixed by the By-laws of this Lodge.

CLAUSE 8.—The Lodge may provide by its By-laws for the payment of a Funeral

Benefit to a duly qualified Brother, on the demise of his wife, to assist in defraying the expenses of her funeral: Provided such Funeral Benefit shall not exceed one-half of the amount payable by the Lodge for a Funeral Benefit under Clause 7 of this Article.

CLAUSE 9.—The Lodge shall, by its By-Laws, make such provisions as shall seem meet for the relief of Brothers in a state of pecuniary distress; Provided such relief shall be applied from no other than the General Fund, and shall in no case exceed the sum of Fifty Dollars.

CLAUSE 10.—The Lodge shall make such disposition of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, for the relief and benefit of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Brothers of this Lodge, by annuity or otherwise, as it shall see fit: Provided always that no annuity shall exceed the amount that would be contributed, by any one member, to such Widows' and Orphans' Fund, within the space of twenty-five years, under the By-laws of the Lodge; and that, if relief be otherwise given, the amount shall in no case exceed four times the limit thus fixed for annuities.

ARTICLE VI—PENALTIES AND TRIAL.

Penalties.

CLAUSE 1.—Any brother who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or infringe

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the Constitution or By-laws of this Lodge, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, as the By-laws may direct, ancient usage require, or the Lodge determine.

CLAUSE 2.—Every Brother charged with any offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion, (unless for non-payment of dues,) shall be entitled to a fair trial in accordance with the provisions of Clause 8, of this Article.

CLAUSE 3.—When any brother, suspended for an indefinite period, for any other cause than non-payment of dues, desires to be re-instated, his case shall be referred to a Committee of five brothers, who after due investigation, shall report at the next regular meeting: and if a majority of the members then present shall vote in his favor, he shall thereupon be declared eligible for re-installment.

CLAUSE 4.—No brother shall be re-instated until he shall have paid any arrearages against him at the time of his suspension, and all dues that may have accrued since then.

CLAUSE 5.—Notice of every suspension, expulsion, or re-installment, shall forthwith be transmitted to every Subordinate Lodge within this Province.

CLAUSE 6.—No brother, who has been legally expelled, or who has ceased to be a member for non-payment of dues, except

members of defunct Lodges, shall be again admitted to membership in any Lodge of this Order without the consent of the Lodge from which he was expelled or dropped, and in no case shall he be readmitted without compliance with all the forms for new applicants, excepting the ceremony of initiation.

TRIALS.

CLAUSE 7.—No member of this Lodge shall be put on trial unless charges duly specifying his alleged offence shall first be submitted to the Lodge in writing, by one or more brothers of the Order in good standing.

CLAUSE 8.—Any charge or charges so made shall be referred to a Committee of five members, of whom three shall be a quorum, to be chosen by ballot; which Committee shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, furnish the accused with a copy of the charge or charges, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question. In selecting this Committee, only one name shall be written upon any ballot.

CLAUSE 9.—Should the decision of the Committee not involve suspension or expulsion of a member, and should no appeal be made therefrom, it shall be final without further action from the Lodge.

CLAUSE 10.—Should the Committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or

expelling a member, a motion to that effect shall be submitted by three of their number, in their name.

CLAUSE 11.—Any motion for the suspension or expulsion of a member shall be announced at the two regular meetings previous to that on which it is to be decided, which last meeting the brother under charge shall be summoned to attend; and at the time so appointed, whether the implicated be present or not, the Lodge may proceed to consider and determine the question.

CLAUSE 12.—The Lodge shall have the power, at the meeting appointed for the decision, to vary the penalty to one less severe than that contained in the motion submitted by the Committee.

APPEALS.

CLAUSE 13.—Any party interested shall have the right of appeal to the Lodge from the decision of the Committee, given under Clause 9 of this Article, and notice of the meeting appointed for trying the appeal shall be given at least one regular meeting previous.

CLAUSE 14.—On the evening appointed, the Committee shall present to the Lodge, in writing, the grounds on which their decision was founded, and the parties interested shall have the privilege of being heard before the

Lodge; and the decision shall then be confirmed, annulled, or modified, as a majority of the members present shall determine.

CLAUSE 15.—Any party interested may appeal to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, on the ground of informality or want of fairness; and if such informality or want of fairness be proved—but not otherwise—the Lodge may be ordered by the Grand Lodge to hold a new trial on the same charges, in the mode provided for in Clause 7 to 12 of this Article.

ARTICLE VII.—REGALIA AND JEWELS.

Regalia.

CLAUSE 1.—The Regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit: Colors of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color of the degree intended to be represented, viz: First Degree, white; second degree, pink; third degree, blue; fourth degree, green; fifth degree, scarlet; rosettes of the appropriate colors can be worn on the collars. Among those who may have attained the Royal Purple Degree, rosettes composed of black, yellow, and purple, may be worn on the collar either in connection with the other colors or as a separate rosette. The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar; Vice Grand, a blue collar; Secretary, a green collar; Treasurer, a green collar—each of them trimmed with

white or silver; Supporters of Noble Grand, scarlet sashes; of the Vice Grand, blue sashes; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash; Outside Guardian, red sash; Inside Guardian, blue sash.

JEWELS.

CLAUSE 2.—The jewel of a P. G. is a five pointed star; of Noble grand, crossed gavels; of Vice Grand, hour glass; of Secretary, crossed pens; of Treasurer, crossed keys; of Warden, crossed wands; of Conductor, crossed axes; of Guardians, crossed swords—all to be of white metal.

FUNERAL REGALIA.

CLAUSE 3.—Funeral Regalia consists of a black crape rosette, having a centre of the color of the highest degree to which the wearer has attained, to be worn on the left breast, with a sprig of evergreen above, and such jewel or jewels as the brother may be entitled to wear, suspended below. Grand Lodges may at their discretion permit the ordinary regalia to be worn at funerals, either in connection with or as a substitute for this simple regalia.

CLAUSE 4.—The ordinary mourning badge to be worn by Brothers in memory of a deceased Brother, is a strip of black crape

passed through one button hole of the left lappel of the coat, tied with a narrow ribbon of the color of the highest degree the wearer has attained.

CLAUSE 5.—Past Officers and members of the Encampment Degrees, and all other members of the Order, WHEN VISITING Grand or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, are entitled to wear the Regalia and Jewels pertaining to the highest Degree they have taken.—(By-laws G. L. U. S., Art. 24.)

CLAUSE 6.—The Encampment Regalia (EXCEPT BY VISITORS) can only be worn in an Encampment; but the members of a Grand Lodge who have received the Royal Blue Degree, may wear the Colors of the Encampment in a Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE VIII.—BY-LAWS, ETC.

CLAUSE 1.—This Lodge shall stand fully invested with the power to adopt from time to time such By-laws and Resolutions as may be deemed expedient; Provided they do not in anywise contravene any part of this Constitution, the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, or the principles or customs of the Order.

CLAUSE 2.—All such By-Laws shall be immediately forwarded to the Grand Lodge, authenticated by the Seal of the Lodge, and the signature of the N. G. and Secretary;

one copy to be retained by the Grand Lodge, the other to be returned to the Lodge certified as approved, or otherwise, as the case may be.

DISPENSATION.

CLAUSE 3.—The Grand Lodge, or in its recess, the Grand Master, shall have power to grant dispensations to any Lodge, to exempt it in any particular case, from the operation of any of the foregoing Resolutions, other than financial; whenever the Grand Lodge or Grand Master shall deem it for the welfare and interest of the Order so to do.

CLAUSE 4.—Such charge shall be made for Dispensations issued under this Section as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct.

AMENDMENTS.

CLAUSE 5.—This Constitution, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled, unless by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

BY-LAWS.

MEETINGS.

1.—The regular meetings of this Lodge shall be held on Thursday evening of each week, from 1st April to 1st October at 8 o'clock, and from 1st October to 1st April at 7½; and special meetings may be called by the N. G., or by the V. G., or the Secretary at the request of five brothers.

2.—Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

REGALIA.

3.—All officers shall wear the regalia of their respective office while present in Lodge.

4.—No brother shall be allowed to vote unless in full regalia, appertaining to his Degree or rank in the Order.

MEMBERSHIP.

5.—The proposer of a Candidate for membership in this Lodge shall deposit in the hands of the P. S., at the time of his making such proposition the sum of \$2, which shall be placed to the credit of the candidate's initiation fee: provided he shall appear for initiation within the required time; otherwise such deposit shall be placed to the credit of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and that all Candidates previous to ballot be re-

quired to produce a satisfactory certificate of good health signed by our Lodge Physician or any properly qualified Physician.

VISITING CARDS.

6.—Any brother in good standing, and clear of the books, by a motion to that effect in open Lodge, may obtain a Visiting Card on paying up all dues accruing for the period for which the Card may be given.

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

7.—It shall be the duty of the Junior P. G. of the Lodge to attend regularly the meetings of the Lodge, and to act in the capacity of the sitting P. G. for the term; to deliver the charge of that office at initiations, or to see that the same be done; to register, in a book to be kept for that purpose, the name and residence of every widow, and the name, age and residence of every orphan child receiving benefit from the funds of the Lodge; to watch over their welfare and interest, to visit them, if residing in the town of Goderich within three miles thereof, at least once a month; to report their condition to the Lodge whenever occasion may require; to perform all other duties belonging to the office, and to act as Outside Conductor.

8.—It shall be the duty of the N. G. to preside in the Lodge and enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-Laws, and a proper respect for the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario; to see that all the officers

of the Lodge, and members of the Committee perform their respective duties, as enjoined by the respective charges and laws; to take care that all fines not requiring the vote of the Lodge for their imposition, be punctually charged on the books of the P. S., to exercise a vigilant supervision in irregularities subjecting brothers to fine or other penalty at the vote of the Lodge, and to bring the same officially, whenever known to him, under the consideration of the Lodge, without fear or favor; to take charge of the Charter, and to have it always in the Lodge when in session; to summon special meetings whenever he may consider it necessary, or when requested to do so by five members in good standing; to appoint all officers and committees not otherwise provided for; to name persons to fill all vacancies occurring in committees, to ascertain and report to the Lodge the result of all balloting and other votes, except balloting for membership and the election of officers; to give the casting vote, whenever requisite, on any matter or question before the Lodge; to present a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws to every brother on his admission; to examine the Treasurer's pass-book, and see that the money received the previous Lodge-night be regularly entered therein; to ascertain from the P. S., previous to closing the Lodge, the amount of his receipts since last Lodge-night, and from

the Treasurer whether he has received the same; to cause the Secretary to invite brothers to attend the funeral of every deceased brother; to take charge of such funerals in the absence of competent relations, and to receive account of, and regulate the disbursements; to draw upon the Treasurer for all sums voted by the Lodge, or necessary for the payment of any benefit provided by these laws; to act as Chairman of the Visiting Committee, and to perform all other duties appertaining to his office, by the Constitution or By-laws of this lodge, or by the charges and usages of this Order.

The N. G. shall not make or second any motion nor take part in any debate while in the chair.

10.—It shall be the duty of the V. G. to assist the N. G., while presiding in the Lodge, and, in his absence, to take the chair, or cause the same to be done by a P. G.; to appoint his own supporters, and a minority of all Committees on Character; to assist in the examination of the ballot-box at elections for membership, and declare the result thereof; to act as a member of the Visiting Committee, and whenever the N. G. may be absent, as its Chairman; to take special charge of the door, under the N. G.; and to perform such other duties as are required by the charges and usages of the Order.

11.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary

to keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of the Lodge; to take charge of and safely keep the Seal; to keep carefully, and in good order, all books, papers, and other property belonging to his office, and to deliver up the same in like good order for his successor; to fill up all certificates and cards granted by the Lodge; to write and duly despatch all communications, and punctually to issue all notices required by order of the N. G., or of the lodge; to inform all rejected candidates of the fact of their rejection, in cases where the brothers proposing such candidates may decline to do so, but without disclosing any other circumstance or proceeding connected therewith; to examine the Black Book in reference to all nominations for membership, and to acquaint the Committees on Character in each case, with the result of such examination; to attest warrants for all moneys ordered to be paid at regular meetings, and none other; to advise punctually the P. S. of all votes of the Lodge imposing any assessment, or imposing or remitting any fine, and, also, of all fines otherwise incurred by any brother; to make out, at the end of his term, for the Grand Lodge, a full return of the proceedings of the Lodge during the term; to have his books written up for the Finance Committee within twenty-four hours after the last meeting of his term; and perform all such other duties apper-

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taining to his office as may be required of him by the Lodge or by his charge. And for such services, he shall be entitled to no less than his quarterly dues during his term.

12.—It shall be the duty of the P. S. to keep a just and true account between this Lodge and its members; to charge and collect all dues, charges, assessments and fines, and to report, from time to time, the names of all brothers who may neglect to pay the same when duly notified; to notify, in particular, by means of a written or printed circular, every brother who may be in arrears at the close of the second week in each quarterly term, of the amount due by him; to advise the Secretary, from time to time, of the names of all brothers being in arrear either twelve or eighteen calendar months; to receive all other moneys due to the Lodge; to pay over forthwith all moneys collected, or otherwise received by him for the Lodge to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same; to furnish, at the last meeting in each quarterly term, a statement of all money received and paid by him to the Treasurer; to have his book written up for the Finance Committee within twenty-four hours after such meeting; and to deliver up in good order for his successor all books, papers and other properties appertaining to his office. And for such services, he shall be entitled

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13.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive from the P. S. all money of the Lodge, and carefully to take charge of, and deal with the same, in such manner as may be required by the By-laws, or by any vote of the Lodge, duly passed, and in conformity therewith; to pay all warrants signed by the N. G., if drawn on account of benefits due under the e laws, and also all warrantssigned by the N. G., and attested by the Secretary, but none others; to keep correct accounts of all moneys coming into his hands; to lay before the Lodge a monthly statement of its funds, and at the last meeting in the term, a full report of the receipts and disbursements of the term, with vouchers; to have his books written up for the Finance Committee within twenty-four hours after such meeting; and to deliver, when legally called upon, all money, bonds, papers, books, and other property of the Lodge, which may be in his hands, to his successor, or to any brother or brothers whom the Lodge may appoint to receive them.

Prior to his installation in office the Treasurer shall give, with two sureties, to be approved by the Lodge, a joint and several bond to the N. G. and V. G., for the term during which he is to serve, under such pen-

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TRUSTEES AND OTHER DUTIES.

14.—There shall be three Trustees of this Lodge who shall be elected in manner following, viz:—At the first regular meeting for the election of officers in December, 1870, three Trustees shall be elected by ballot, as in the case of elected officers of this Lodge; and at every semi-annual election of officers there shall be one Trustee so elected, and the one shall retire from office who is then completing his third term. The three Trustees first elected shall determine by lot who shall be the first one to retire from office, and in like manner the second Trustee.

The duties of the Trustees shall be to take charge of the funds of the Lodge, except such funds as may be deemed necessary to remain in the hands of the Treasurer, and invest said funds subject to the approval of a majority of all the members in good standing of the Lodge, in their names, and for the benefit of Hnron Lodge No. 62, either in some chartered bank of this Province, or in *bona fide* real estate security of note and mortgage.

Each Trustee, before entering upon his term of office, shall give a bond, with two sureties, to the N. G. and V. G., to be approved by the Lodge, for the faithful per-

formance of his duties as such Trustee. All brothers elected as Trustees must be members of the Scarlet Degree at the time of their election, of whom one at least must be a Past Grand.

The Trustees, in addition to the above enumerated duties, shall hold in trust for the Lodge all furniture and other property of the Lodge not specially entrusted to particular officers; and shall furnish fuel and lights, and all other things that may from time to time, be ordered by a three-fourths vote at any regular meeting. Provided that no sum or sums of money, for any purpose, shall be voted for, or acted on, if over twenty-five dollars, unless that two weeks notice shall have been given prior to the Lodge taking action thereon.

15.—It shall be the duty of the Warden to see that the keeper place out the regalia for the use of the brothers, before the opening of the Lodge, and at its close collect and put away the same in a careful manner; to act as Chairman of the Property Committee, and to perform such other duties as are prescribed in the charge of his office.

16.—The Chaplain, when present, shall assist in opening and closing the Lodge, according to the requirements of his office.

COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

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proval of the Lodge) the following Standing Committees, to serve for the current term, viz:—A Visiting Committee, a Finance Committee, and a Property Committee.

18.—The Visiting Committee shall consist of seven members, of whom the N. G. and V. G. shall be two, *ex officio*.

19.—It shall be the duty of this Committee to visit every sick brother of this Lodge within twenty-four hours after receiving information of his illness, provided he be in the Town of Goderich or within three miles thereof; and to render such other aid as the law of this Lodge provides; and as his case may require and admit.

20.—It shall be the duty of the chairman of this committee to make such arrangements as that the sick brothers of the Lodge if within three miles of the Town of Goderich, shall be visited at least once a day during their illness, by one or more members of the committee; to keep a correct roll of the names and residences of all the brothers of the Lodge for the use of the committee; and whenever circumstances may require it, to call upon so many of the brothers, in order as they stand upon such roll, as may be necessary to secure the attendance and services of two brothers to watch nightly with any sick brother, or procure a nurse.

21.—In case of contagious or infectious disease it shall not be incumbent on mem-

bers of the committee personally to visit the sick brother; and should attendance be required, instead of calling upon brothers as above provided, the committee shall employ a nurse, to be paid from the funds of the Lodge.

22.—The Finance Committee shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to superintend the financial affairs of the Lodge; to inspect and report upon all accounts referred to them, at the next regular meeting next following the reference of such accounts, provided always that accounts are presented in detail; and to audit quarterly the accounts of the P. S. and Treasurer for the previous quarter, and of all officers and committees charged with the receipt or expenditure of money of the Lodge.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

23.—The Property Committee shall consist of three members, including the Warden, who shall be chairman thereof; whose duty it shall be to take charge of all regalia, and other effects of the Lodge not specially entrusted to particular officers, or other committees; to procure such articles as may be necessary, as the Lodge may direct; to cause to be made such repairs to the regalia or other property as the Lodge may direct; and to make a full report of the proceedings at the last meeting in each quarterly term. The

Property Committee shall have power to purchase all articles strictly necessary for the proper working of this Lodge without the direct order of the Lodge to the amount of not more than \$10 during each term. The Committee to bring in any such account each week for payment.

COMMITTEE ON CHARACTER.

24.—It shall be the duty of all Committees on character to ascertain carefully the age, state of health, profession, habits and character of the candidates referred to them; and to make special report thereon to the Lodge, at the next regular meeting, unless further time be granted by the Lodge, and to see that the candidate has the requisite medical certificate.

25.—Any committee, or member or members of committee, failing to discharge their duty to the satisfaction of the Lodge, may be discharged therefrom by a vote to that effect. Every Committee, or member or members thereof, thus discharged, shall forthwith surrender, on demand to that effect, to the N. G., or such brother or brothers as the Lodge may appoint, all books, papers, money, and other property of the Lodge which may be in his or their hands.

ADMISSION FEE.

26.—Every person initiated into this Lodge, shall, previous to his admission, pay a fee in accordance with the following rule,

vis:—From the age of 21 to 25, \$5; from 25 to 30, \$6; from 30 to 35, \$7; from 35 to 40, \$9; from 40 to 45, \$12; from 45 to 50, \$15; after which age none shall be admitted.

27.—Every brother admitted to a membership in this Lodge, as an Ancient Odd Fellow:—From 21 to 30 years of age, \$5; from 30 to 40, 25 cents for each additional year; from 40 to 45, \$1 for each additional year; from 45 to 50, \$2 for each additional year; after which age none shall be admitted.

28.—Every brother admitted to membership in this Lodge by deposit of Card from any other Lodge, shall, previous to admission, pay into the funds of this Lodge as follows:—From 21 to 30 years of age, \$3; and this sum shall be augmented 25 cents for each additional year from 30 to 40; 50 cents for each additional year from 40 to 50, after which age \$2 shall be charged for each additional year.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

29.—The regular contribution, to be paid by every brother of the Lodge into the funds shall be \$1.50 *per quarter*, and, on no account whatever, shall any brother be excused from such payment, which shall be made in advance at the first regular meeting in each quarter.

30.—Whenever any benefit shall accrue to the account of a brother, payment shall be required therefrom of such quarterly dues

as may be chargeable to the close of the then current term.

31.—Whenever any brother shall take out a Visiting Card, he shall be required to make payments in advance of all dues chargeable to the close of the time for which such card may have been granted.

CHARGES FOR DEGREES.

32.—The charges for Degrees in this Lodge shall be \$1 for each of the first three Degrees; and \$2 each for the other two Degrees. The amount of such charges, together with the fees payable to the Degree Lodge, must be deposited in the hands of the P. S., before any brother can be balloted for to obtain a certificate entitling him to receive such Degrees, but shall be returned by the P. S., should such candidate be refused.

OTHER CHARGES.

33.—For every Visiting Card there shall be a charge of 25 cents; for a Card of Clearance, 50 cents. Such charge must, in all cases, be deposited (together with any amount of other dues becoming payable previous to the issue of such card), in the hands of the P. S., before any motion can be made in the Lodge for the granting of such card, but shall be returned by the P. S., should such motion not prevail.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AND GENERAL FUND.

34.—There shall be two Funds of this

Lodge: the Widows' and Orphans' and the General Benefit Fund; the former chargeable with all benefits to widows and orphans of deceased brothers, the latter chargeable with all other benefits and Lodge expenses.

There shall be carried to the credit of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund:

First—All moneys which, at the time of the passing of these By-laws, may be at the credit of the said Fund.

Secondly—One-fifth part of all quarterly dues.

Thirdly—All fines collected for neglect of duty, &c., &c; the proposition fee of candidates who do not appear for initiation within the required time; all donations; all bequests which may be made thereto; and all moneys which may be raised by assessment, as hereafter provided, in aid thereof; all other moneys accruing to the Lodge shall be carried to the account of the General Fund.

ASSESSMENTS.

35.—Whenever any benefit or benefits may become due and payable from either of the funds of this Lodge, in the course of any one quarter, if the books do not show a sufficient amount to the credit of such Fund to meet such benefit, it shall be the duty of the N. G. to instruct the P. S. forthwith to raise, in aid of such Fund, by

assessment, to be laid in equal proportions upon all the members, the amount necessary to meet such benefit or benefits.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.

36.—Investment of all moneys of the Lodge, which it may not be deemed necessary to keep in the immediate charge of the Treasurer, to meet ordinary disbursements shall be made by, and in the name of the Trustees of the Lodge, from time to time, as the Lodge may direct. All evidences, or certificates thereof shall be kept by them, and all dividends, interest, or other income accruing therefrom, shall be duly demanded, and received by them, and the amount thereof to be paid over forthwith, to the P. S., for delivery to the Treasurer.

37.—All moneys of the Lodge not invested as aforesaid, shall remain in the hands of the Treasurer, subject to the By-laws and Orders of the Lodge.

38.—No motion in any way relating to the investment of the Funds of this Lodge as provided by the Laws, shall be put to vote at any meeting, whether regular or special, unless two weeks' notice of such motion has been given by the mover; and no motion for the appropriation of moneys belonging to this Lodge, other than for the general purposes of the Lodge, and for the relief of members of distant Lodges, shall

be put to vote, until notice thereof has been read at three Regular or Special Meetings of the Lodge; and a written or printed notice of such motion has been mailed to every member of the Lodge, whose residence is recorded on our list of members.

SICK BENEFITS.

39.—Every brother who has been a member of this Lodge for the space of six months shall be deemed a *bona fide* member, and, when in good standing, if rendered incapable of following his usual occupation by sickness or disability, not proceeding from immoral conduct on his part, shall receive a benefit from the funds of the Lodge during such sickness or disability, commencing not more than one week anterior to the date at which the same shall have been reported to the Lodge, unless otherwise ordered by the Lodge, and at the rate following, that is to say:—If he shall have attained the Scarlet Degree, \$3 per week; if he shall have attained the Initiatory Degree only, \$1.50 per week.

40.—If such a brother be a non-resident, or if his sickness or disability, as aforesaid, occur at a distance from Goderich, it shall be necessary that a statement, or statements of his case, setting forth the nature of his sickness or disability, at the time of its commencement and duration, be transmitted to the N. G. of this Lodge, certified by the N. G. of the Lodge nearest to the place where

he may be for the time resident or detained, and under the seal of such Lodge, or, if he be not near any Lodge, by a Justice of the Peace, or Clergyman, or respectable Physician; and such brother shall thereupon receive the benefits provided by the proceeding clause.

41.—In case such brother shall leave Goderich while in receipt of benefit as aforesaid, it shall rest with the Lodge, by vote, to decide whether or not the circumstances of the case are such as to require the continuance of such benefit during his absence from Goderich.

FUNERAL BENEFITS.

42.—On the decease of any *bona fide* member in good standing in this Lodge, the sum of \$30 shall be allowed as a Funeral Benefit.

43.—On the decease of the wife of any brother qualified as aforesaid, he shall receive from the funds of the Lodge the sum of \$15 to assist in defraying the expenses of her funeral.

BENEFITS TO WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

44.—The widow of any deceased *bona fide* member of this Lodge, in good standing at the time of his decease, shall receive from the funds of the Lodge a sum not less than \$30 per annum, payable quarterly, during her widowhood, provided he had attained the Scarlet Degree; if he had attained the

Royal Blue Degree, \$20 per annum, payable as aforesaid; and in case only the Initiatory Degree, \$18 per annum, payable as aforesaid.

45.—Should any deceased brother leave no widow, or should his widow afterwards die, the said yearly sum shall be paid in like manner for the benefit of his orphan child or children, if any there be, under the age of fifteen years; the interest of each such child in each such benefit ceasing, as he or she shall attain the age of fifteen years; unless, in the case of any female child or children, it be otherwise ordered by the Lodge.

46.—Should circumstances require it, the Lodge may withdraw from the widow of a deceased brother the benefit above set forth, and grant the same to his orphan child or children under the age of fifteen.

47.—Should the widow of such deceased brother marry again, while any child or children of such brother shall still be under the age of fifteen years, it shall be optional with the Lodge to grant such benefit, or any part thereof, to such child or children.

48.—Should the family of such deceased brother be in need of protector or guardian, the Lodge shall, to the best of its power, protect and assist them, and endeavor to place them in such a position as to enable them to be useful to themselves and to society.

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RELIEF IN SPECIAL CASES.

49.—Whenever it may become known that any brother of this Lodge has been reduced to a state of pecuniary distress by any sudden and unlooked for dispensation his case shall be referred to a special committee of three brothers, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same, and report to the Lodge whether any, and what sum, in their opinion, should be granted for relief; and it shall be competent for the Lodge, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the brothers present to grant him any sum not exceeding \$30.

50.—If a member of a distant Lodge apply to this Lodge for relief, on the presentation of his card his case shall be referred to the N. G., and one or more members who have attained the Scarlet Degree, who shall examine him, and, if found correct, they shall be at liberty to contribute at once a sum not exceeding \$4, and shall report the same at the next meeting, when, if necessary, such further sum, on motion, may be voted as shall be deemed proper.

51.—Any member making use of improper means to obtain benefits from this Lodge, shall, upon conviction thereof, be suspended or expelled, as the Lodge may determine.

DISABILITIES.

52.—No brother shall be permitted to speak or vote on the night of his initiation.

53.—No brother shall be permitted to

speaking or vote in Lodge if not in the full regalia appertaining to his rank.

54.—No brother who may be more than three calendar months in arrears for any Lodge dues, shall be permitted to speak or vote in Lodge until such arrears are paid in full.

55.—No brother shall be entitled to any benefits during the first six calendar months after his admission to the Lodge, unless by special vote.

56.—No brother being three calendar months in arrears for Lodge dues, shall become entitled to any benefit until two months after such arrears shall have been paid in full, unless under special vote of the Lodge to that effect.

57.—No brother who has been suspended or expelled, shall, on any account, become entitled to any benefits within the term of two calendar months after he shall have been reinstated.

FINES.

58.—Every brother offending against the rules of the Order, or of this Lodge, in respect of any of the particulars hereinafter enumerated, shall be fined as follows :

For any improper language, offensive personality or other language such as is prohibited by the rules of the Order, or disrespect for any of the officers of the Lodge, while in

Lodge, or disobedience to the N. G. when called to order, not less than 25 cents.

For any failure to watch with a sick brother, when summoned to do so, \$1, or provide a nurse.

For any failure to report the sickness of a brother of the Lodge to the N. G. or to the Lodge within 24 hours, or as soon as may be practicable, 25 cents.

Members of Committee failing to discharge any duty incumbent upon them as such, shall be fined as follows, unless a reasonable excuse be offered:

If of the Visiting Committee for every such failure, 25 cents. If of a Committee on Character, 25 cents. If of any other Committee, not less than 25 cents for every such failure at the discretion of the N. G., or (if the Lodge sees fit to exercise it) of the Lodge.

Any officer of the Lodge failing to discharge his duties shall be fined as follows :

For absence from his proper station in the Lodge at the time of opening, whether at a regular or special meeting, if an elective officer, 25 cents; if holding any appointed office other than that of Chaplain, 10 cents.

If charged with any book or books of the Lodge, and he fail to have the same in the Lodge at any meeting, regular or special, a further fine of 25 cents.

If charged with any key or keys of the

Lodge, the want of which may deprive the Lodge of any books, papers, or regalia, or other property, and he fails to have the same in the Lodge at any meeting, regular or special, a further fine of 25 cents.

59.—All fines incurred shall be forthwith charged by the P. S., to the account of the brother incurring them; and unless remitted by the vote of the Lodge, on account of any circumstances which may appear to the Lodge to warrant such remission, shall become due and payable, in all respects, as though they formed part of the regular quarterly dues, for the quarter during which they have been incurred.

SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION.

60.—Any brother guilty of language or conduct in Lodge, meriting, in the opinion of the Lodge, a severer penalty than the fines already authorized; or who shall bring charges against a brother on evidence which the Lodge shall not regard as sufficient to warrant him in so doing; or who shall knowingly misrepresent the qualifications of any candidate for admission; or who shall abuse, or attempt to abuse, in any way, the benevolent intentions of the Order; or who shall be guilty of fraud in any business transactions, or other dishonorable conduct, or of habitual drunkenness or immorality, or of infraction of the laws of the land, shall be

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suspended from membership, or expelled, as the Lodge may by vote determine.

61.—No brother shall be permitted to appear in Lodge while suspended from membership; nor shall any sentence of suspension be considered to expire, or be reversed unless by special vote of the Lodge to that effect; and no motion to that end shall be put to vote more than once, in the case of any individual, in any one quarterly term, nor unless at a regular meeting, and after formal notice thereof, at the two regular meetings proceeding; nor if the suspension has been pronounced for any fixed term; nor shall any vote take effect until after the brother shall have paid up all dues to the Lodge, charged or chargeable against him, as well during his term of suspension as previous thereto.

62.—If any member of this Lodge shall disclose the rejection of a candidate for initiation, or for admission by card, he shall be subject to expulsion, or such other punishment as the majority of the Lodge may determine, and, whenever such rejections occur, this clause shall be read in the Lodge, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary (should the brother who proposed the candidate decline) to inform such person of his rejection, without disclosing any other circumstance or proceeding of the Lodge.

SURGEON.

63.—This Lodge may elect annually, by ballot a Surgeon, who will attend every sick brother of this Lodge in good standing when called upon by such brother, or Visiting Committee, provided such brother reside in the Town of Goderich; and for every name upon the quarterly list of members in good standing, in the Town of Goderich, he shall be paid quarterly at the rate of \$1 per annum.

In any case of contagion befalling a brother of this Lodge in good standing, upon whom it is called to attend, the Surgeon shall notify the N. G. in writing immediately, and always at the close of the illness or disability of any brother in good standing, he shall send to the N. G. a certificate, stating the name of the brother, the name and nature, and the probable cause of his illness or disability, and the length of time, in his opinion, the brother has been unable to attend his usual occupation; and no brother shall be allowed to declare on, or receive from the Funds of this Lodge, for sick benefits, until such certificate, signed either by the Lodge Surgeon or other Licensed Physician, is in possession of the N. G. or of the Lodge, except by special vote of the Lodge.

64.--No smoking, and no refreshments other than water, shall be allowed in the

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65.—It is particularly enjoined by the lodge that all its members treat each other during the sitting of the Lodge, and at all other times, with due consideration and respect; that every brother carefully avoid all ungenerous remarks, personal allusions, and sarcastic language, by which the feelings of any brother may be wounded, or those proverbial and prominent objects of our Order, Friendship, Charity, and Harmony, lessened or in any wise interrupted; and that all our discussions be conducted in that lovely spirit of candor, moderation and frank generosity which leads men to the practice of good fellowship.

AMENDMENTS.

66.—No motion to repeal, suspend, or amend these By-laws, or any part thereof, shall be put to vote until the same shall have been read in Lodge at two consecutive regular meetings; nor shall the consideration of, or voting upon, any such motion be postponed after such second reading, unless by vote of the Lodge; nor shall such motion be declared to prevail unless, upon the final division thereon, two-thirds of the brothers present and voting shall vote in favor of it.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE I.—As soon as the Presiding Officer shall have taken the chair, the Officers and Brothers present shall take their respective stations, and the Lodge shall then be opened in ancient form.

RULE II.—The order of procedure after opening shall be as follows:

- 1.—The calling of the Roll of Officers.
- 2.—The consideration of any excuses which may be offered by Absentees from previous meetings.
- 3.—The reading by the Secretary of the Minutes of the last Lodge night; the consideration of any objections which may be made to any part thereof, and their approval, with or without amendment, as the case may require.
- 4.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports from the Visiting Committee, or from any Brother who may have to report the fact of any Brother being sick or in distress.
- 5.—The Nomination or Election of Officers on the evenings designated for such Nomination or Election,

6.—The receiving and consideration of Reports of Committees on Character and balloting thereon.

7.—The Initiation of Candidates for membership.

8.—The receiving of Propositions for membership and their reference to Committees on Character.

9.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports of Officers of Standing Committees, which may require to be made in pursuance of the By-laws.

10.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports of Special Committees in the order of their seniority.

11.—The reading and consideration of accounts and other communications in the hands of the Secretary.

12.—Good and welfare: being first, Unfinished Business, in order of priority at former meetings; and secondly, New Business.

13.—The Closing of the Lodge.

RULE III.—Any member offering a motion must do so in writing, if a request be made to that effect by the Secretary, the Presiding Officer, or the Lodge.

RULE IV.—No question shall be put by the Presiding Officer, unless regularly moved

and seconded; nor be open for consideration till so put: and when put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion—

- 1.—To adjourn;
- 2.—To lay on the table;
- 3.—To put the previous question;
- 4.—To postpone;
- 5.—To refer; or
- 6.—To amend.

These several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first, second and third thereof, shall be decided without debate.

RULE V.—The Previous Question shall be put from the Chair only after it is ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of the members of the Lodge present, and then shall always be put in the words following —“*Shall the question be now put?*” which words shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending before such call for the previous question may have been so made.

RULE VI.—If the vote of the Lodge taken pursuant to such call for the Previous Question, be in the affirmative, the Presiding Officer shall thereupon forthwith put to vote the question so pending, immediately before such

call, and shall allow no amendment or further debate thereon; and if, on the other hand, the vote of the Lodge be in the negative, the Presiding Officer shall thereby be precluded from putting to vote, during the remainder of the current term, the question so pending as aforesaid.

RULE VII.—Any member may require the division of a question when the sense will admit of it.

RULE VIII.—When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken on the highest sum or number, and longest or latest time proposed.

RULE IX.—The Yeas and Nays shall be taken and recorded, on the call of any member, duly seconded.

RULE X.—After any question, except that of indefinite postponement or the previous question, may have been decided, and two members having voted in the majority may, at the same or next regular meeting move for a re-consideration thereof; but no discussion on the main question shall be allowed upon such motion.

RULE XI.—Any question decided by the Lodge, shall not again be brought before it, otherwise than by re-consideration, as provided in the forgoing Rule, unless notice

thereof shall have been given at the meeting immediately preceding; and such notice shall not be received during the term in which the question has been decided.

RULE XII.—Every Member shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any question, but not oftener, unless by permission of the Presiding Officer.

RULE XIII.—Any brother intending to speak on a question, shall rise in his place, and respectfully address the Presiding Officer, confining himself to the question, and avoiding personalities; and should more than one Brother rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor.

RULE XIV.—The Presiding Officer, or any Member, may call a Brother to order while speaking; and, in such case, the debate shall be forthwith suspended, and the Brother so called to order shall not proceed, until the point of order thus raised be determined, nor speak upon such point of order, unless it be to make necessary explanation, or appeal from the decision of the Chair.

RULE XV.—In all cases where a Member may appeal from any decision of the Chair, he shall use the words following, and none other, unless it be for necessary explanation: —“M. N., *I respectfully appeal from the*

decision of the Chair to the Lodge;" and the Lodge shall, after such explanation from the Presiding Officer as he may deem necessary, proceed forthwith to consider and vote upon the question:—"Will the Lodge sustain the decision of the Chair?"

RULE XVI.—Any brother who may have been called to order for manifestation of temper, or improper feeling, must apologise to the Lodge or to any aggrieved party, if required so to do by the Presiding Officer; and shall not speak again on the pending question, except to explain or apologise, unless specially permitted so to do by the Presiding Officer.

RULE XVII.—The Presiding Officer, or the Lodge may, at any time, require all Members present to vote upon any pending question, or may excuse any Member or Members from so doing.

RULE XVIII.—Brothers, not Members of this Lodge, may address the Lodge, on receiving permission to that effect from the Presiding Officer.

RULE XIX.—No brother shall retire, while the Lodge is open, without the permission of the Presiding Officer.

RULE XX.—A motion to suspend or alter the order of procedure as contained in

Rule II., for the remainder of the meeting, may at any time be carried by an unanimous vote; or if as many as seven members call upon the Lodge to sustain it, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon; but no motion to suspend or alter such order of procedure for a longer term, shall at any time be put to vote.

RULE XXI.—These Rules, or any part thereof, shall only be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled, (except in the case provided for by Rule XX.) by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

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